

SLEEPY-TIME TALES

THE TALE OF RUSTY WREN

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CHAPTER XVIII.

The Puzzle.

Rusty Wren looked quite crest-fallen as he listened to his wife's wail. He wished that he had heeded her warning, when she declared that his hiring a boy would certainly lead to trouble.

"What's the matter with you?" Rusty asked his helper, Chippy, jr. "When you first came to work for us you could slip through our doorway easily enough. But now you're altogether too big."

Chippy, jr. said that the entrance to their house must have shrunk.

"How could it?" Rusty demanded impatiently.

"It rained last night," the youngster reminded him.

But Rusty Wren said, "Non-sense! The doorway's made of tin

THE GUMPS—

ISN'T THIS A SWELL BOOK? HERE'S A COUPLE—WHEN THEY GOT MARRIED THEY VOWED THEY WOULD NEVER LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON A QUARREL—THEY ALWAYS KISSED AND MADE UP



AND ONE DAY THEY HAD A TERRIBLE QUARREL WHICH LASTED OVER A WEEK AND WHEN THEY MADE UP THEY PLANTED A TREE—A LITTLE TREE IN THEIR YARD TO REMIND THEM—SO THAT IT MAY NEVER OCCUR AGAIN



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What Do You Know?

(Here's a chance to make your wits worth money. Each day The Bee will publish a series of questions. They cover things which you should know. The first complete list of correct answers and the name of the winner will be published on the day indicated below. Be sure to give your views and address in full. Address "Questions Editor," Omaha Bee.)

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWERS.

1. Which has the greater specific gravity, cream or milk? Milk.
2. What is the effect of moving the decimal point one place to the right? Increases value of number 10 times.
3. What naval officer wears an anchor and four stars on his collar? Admiral.
4. What race predominates in Asia? Yellow race.
5. How long does it take the moon to go around the earth? About 29 days.

Winner: Frank Russell, 3315 Davenport street, Omaha, Neb.

Machinery molders in Bangor, Me., have established a rate of \$7.20 for an eight-hour day.

made of tin. Rusty knew that Mr. Chippy was helpless.

"I'll never settle in a tin house again so long as I live!" he groaned.

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WHY?—

Does a Stick Seem to Bend When Placed in Water?

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In the days before the manufacture of glass was as well perfected as it is today, mirrors with uneven, imperfect surfaces were often turned out. When one looked into these, the face would appear to be distorted or bent out of shape, owing to the different angles at which the light was reflected.

Much the same thing occurs when we place a stick in the water so that one end is above the surface and the other end below. There appears to be a distinct bend in the stick, the part below water looking like it makes a complete angle with the portion above. This is due, not to any action of the water upon the stick, but to an alteration in the direction of the rays of light, known as "refraction."

The air and the water being of different densities, the light cannot pass through both of them in the same direction, and it is the rays themselves—rather than the stick—which are bent or distorted, though we have the impression that the stick has been affected. Increased knowledge of the principles, which govern reflection, refraction, and other courses of light, have, in comparatively recent years made a possibility of the microscope, the telephone, the camera and other apparatus in which light plays a leading part.

I'M THE GUY

I'M THE GUY the garage employs whom you trust to put your car in shape, and doesn't do what he's paid for.

Why should I bother to fill all your grease cups, and put oil in your crank case, and clean your spark plugs, and put distilled water in your storage battery, and do the dozen tussy little things you're paying for when you'll never know I didn't do it until something goes wrong?

If you get stalled on the road because I shirked on the job I won't be there to hear you howl me out. It isn't my car, so I should just about what may happen to it. If you want to be sure everything's done right, why don't you attend to it yourself.

Some other guy may get the job next time, but that's up to you! There are plenty of others with cars and enough of 'em come into our shop to give me all the work I want to do.

If you complain to the boss—I can always frame up an alibi. I can say I was called off the job before I finished, or then forgot or I can say you're talking through your hat and that the work was done. How are you going to prove anything, anyway?

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Parents Problems

How can a democratic spirit best be inculcated in growing children? This can best be done by giving them many opportunities to meet many different kinds of persons; the most democratic persons are those who are most cosmopolitan.

Omaha Man Elected Head Of Movie Theater Owners

Three Omaha moving picture men were elected to important offices in the state organization of motion picture theater owners at the concluding session of the convention here today. They are A. R. Pramer, who was elected president; Harry Goldberg, who was made chairman of the executive board, and J. E. Kirk, elected secretary. Other officers elected were George Munroe of Beatrice, vice president; J. C. Jenkins of Neligh, second vice president, and S. A. Hayman of Grand Island, treasurer.

The national railway strike last year cost the British millions more than a quarter of a million dollars.

PHOTO-PLAYS.

MOON
Starts Sunday

TOM MIX IN THE UNPAID
Starts Sunday

What a Picture!

LAST TIMES TODAY
JACK LONDON'S
"The Mutiny of the Elsinore"

SUN
LAST TIMES TODAY

Constance Binney
Charlie Chaplin
in
"39 EAST"
"The Adventurer"

APOLLO
29th and Leavenworth
"THE LITTLEST SCOUT"
A Blackstone Production
Also the Last Episode of
"THE SILENT AVENGER"
and the First Episode of
"THE LOST CITY"

PHOTO-PLAYS.

DOUGLAS FARRARS
"THE HOLLYCROFTS"

RIALTO
Starts Sunday at the SUN

"The Devil's Passkey"
Von Stroheim's MASTER PICTURE

Starts Sunday at the SUN

Strand
LAST TIMES TODAY

WALLACE REID
In a Story of Racers and Auto Trucks
"What's Your Hurry?"

MUSE
LAST TIMES TODAY

"HELL-TO-PAY AUSTIN"

BEATTY'S Co-Operative Cafeteria
Pay Dividends to Those Who Do the Work

ANDY'S CONDITION IMPROVES

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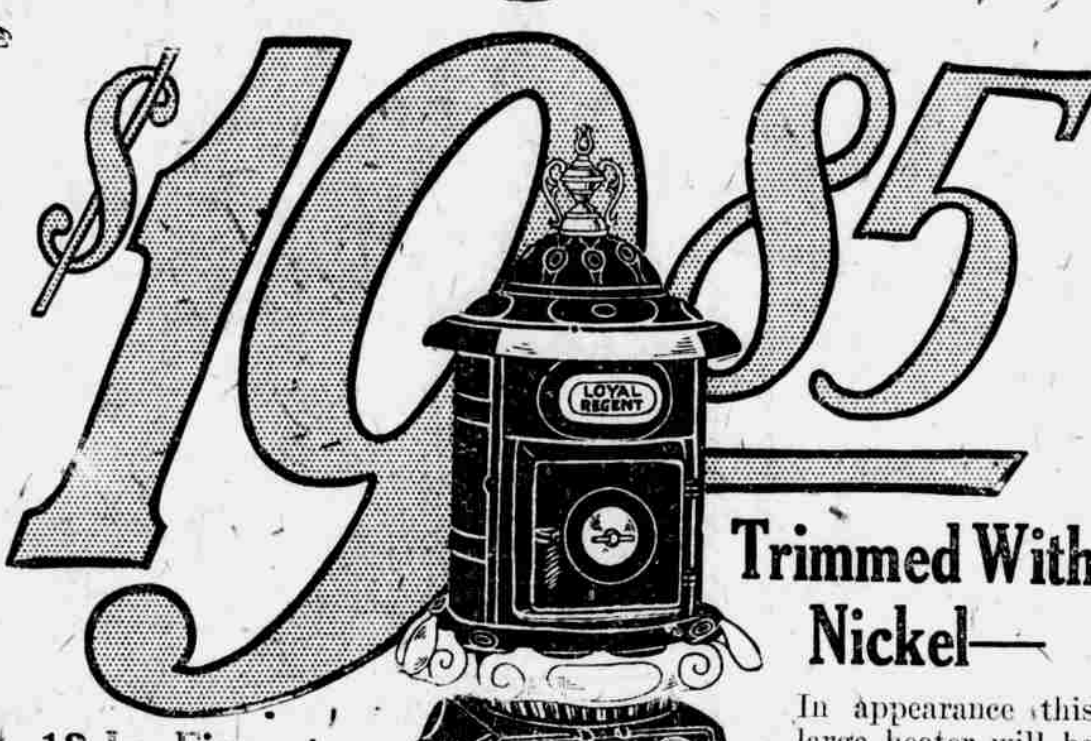
This Big Heater



SANICO Porcelain Range

This is a range that delights the heart of every housekeeper. It is of heavy white porcelain inside and out, and burns gas or coal equally well. Guaranteed for twenty-five years. See this artistic stove

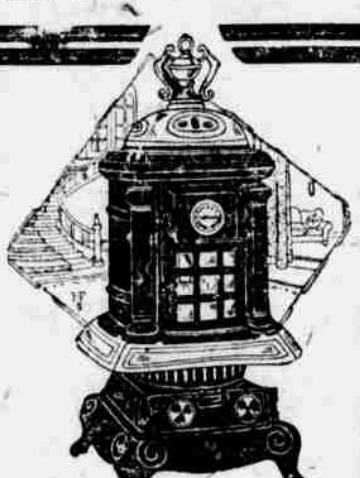
\$198.75
30 In. in Height
\$275



13 In. Firepot

Heater shown is a marvel for throwing off heat. It will warm the farthest corners of the largest room. Handsomely trimmed with highly polished nickel.

Not only have we the heaters shown, but we are special agents for the well known Cole's heaters too. You will be surprised at the variety of styles and prices that we can show you. A small deposit will insure its being held until you are ready for it.



Big Hot Blast

A splendidly fashioned comfort heater, that will take the sting out of the cold winter days. Burns economically, has large fire box, and is a big bargain during this sale, at...

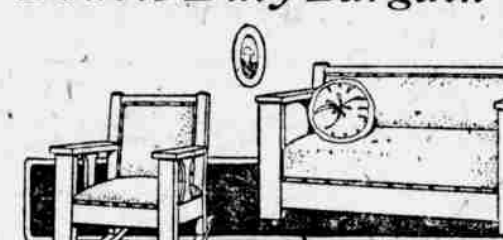
\$23.85

The 'Priscilla'

A handy sewing cabinet that can be carried from place to place. You have all the necessary sewing close to you. Mahogany finish.

\$10.50

Double Duty Bargain



This Pullman Suite \$139.75

When the unexpected guest arrives, the duofold will save both you and him embarrassment. All you need to do is open it and it is a full size bed. The suite is completed is a good furnishing for any room in your house. Price...



A Rich Golden Oak
A real value for Saturday. Like illustration, with large mirror and roomy drawers. **\$27.95**

Liberal Credit

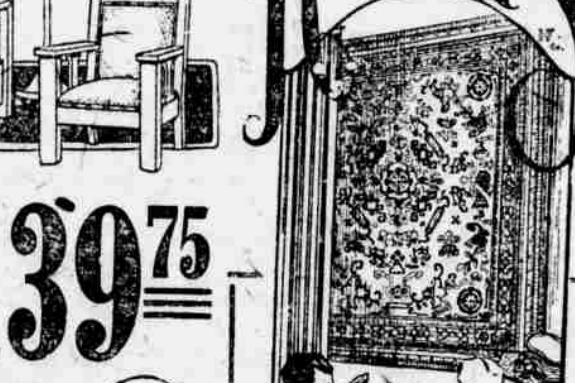


Big Oak Chiffonade
Combines the advantages of wardrobe and desk. Clothes hang full length. Desk is divided into convenient compartments. Has large drawers and mirror. Special price, **\$62.50**

Choose From Several Styles \$348.75

The cane of this lovely parlor suite is heavily reinforced. Has the greatest wearing capacity. Upholstering is in either blue or mulberry velvet and is beautifully figured. A truly exquisite suite.

RUGS



9x12 Genuine Royal Wilton Rugs, fringed \$102.50

9x12 Heavy Axminster Rugs \$59.75

9x12 Seamless Wool and Fiber Rugs \$21.75

Buy this Suite for \$26.45

The severe lines of this fumed oak library suite make it very sensible for a restfully appointed room. Chairs are upholstered in fabricoid—a good wearing and rich material. The low price of the suite complete, is.....



A Roomy Steel Crib \$23.50

This Simmons crib has high sides that make it entirely safe for the little one. Can be trimmed daintily in any preferred color. The spring locks are securely and mattress and spring come with crib at the low price, at.....

Rich Golden Finish \$4.65

Stylish William-Mary Period \$124.75

Dining room furniture must be practical as well as beautiful. This suite is both. It is finished in the attractive Jacobean finish, that does not show the marks of every day wear.

Hartman's

Sixteenth—Between Harney and Howard

USE BEE WANT ADS—THEY BRING RESULTS

BRANDEIS Today Mat. and Evening
GRACE and HALE
LA RUE and HAMILTON
In a New Comedy
With Songs
Nights—50c to \$2.50; Mat.—50c to \$2

Eight Nights COM. NEXT SUNDAY
FISKE O'HARA
In An Irish Melody Drama
"Springtime In Mayo"
Nights—50c to \$2; Mat., Wed. and Sat. Best Seats \$1.50—Seats Now

"OMAHA'S FUN CENTER"
Gaiety Nights: 25c to \$1.25
Daily Mat: 15c to 75c
Barney Ger. **WATSON & COHAN**
and Present:
as "Sittin' & Slittin'" in
"BANKERS AND BROKERS" With
THE GIRLS DE LOOS MUSICAL
Big Musical Comedy. Extra: The
Hawaiian Duo, KALAMA & KAD
Ladies' Dime, Matinee Every Week Day

Orpheum
LAST TWO TIMES
Matinee Today—2:15
Early Curtain Tonight at 7:55
LA SPIRIT DE MARI GRAS; PRESTIGE;
KANE & HERMAN; McGORMAN & INLEY;
LARRY LEE; "The Silent Avenger";
Buck Bros.; Topics of the Day; Kingsman.
Mat., 15c to 50c; Wed. 75c to \$1.00; Sat. and
Sunday, 15c to \$1.00; some \$1.25
Saturday and Sunday.

EMPIRE LAST TIMES TODAY
EMMETT'S CANNES; CLEVELAND & DOWDY;
SARGENT BROS.; THREE FALCONS; Photoplay Attraction, "The
Light Woman," featuring an All-Star
Cast; Sunshine Comedy; Pathé News
Weekly.